(d) if so, whether any preventive action was taken in view of the Madhya Pradesh reports in this regard; and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of measures Government propose to take now to ensure that such type of incidents do not take place in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Three children died following measles immunization in Debagram village, district Nadia, West Bengal. Similar incidents have been reported sometime back from Madhya Pradesh. To minimise the risk of deaths due to errors in handling and administration of vaccine, guidelines have again been issued to all States. Training programmes for concerned personnel have been stepped up. State Governments are required to investigate serious adverse events following immunization (including deaths) immediately. For this purpose they have been advised to set up standing committees of experts to help them investigate the incidents and take corrective action.

Effect of Smoking

4755. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have revealed that more number of people smoke in India than in most of the other developing countries in the World; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to educate the people about the harmful effects of smoking and to persuade them to stop smoking?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Adult per capita cigarette consumption in India is one of the lowest among developing countries. However, due to large population the absolute total number of smokers is likely to be one of the highest among developing countries.

(b) Steps are being taken to educate the people regarding harmful effects of tobacco consumption through electronic media, audio-visual and publication of posters etc.

Delay in setting up of Industrial growth centre in Arunachal Pradesh

4756. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to establish an "Industrial growth Centre" in Arunachal Pradesh which has been cleared by all other authorities but is pending with the Cabinet for its final approval; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in Cabinet approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Project report received from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for the lone growth centre allotted to the State at Niklok-Ngorlung, was sent to appraising agency for its appraisal. The appraising agency (I.C.I.C.I.) had found some deficiencies in the report and they have sought some clarifications from the State Government, which, as per the records available in the Ministry, are still awaited.

Tender for supply of coal to Cement Corporation of India

4757. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has floated a global tender inviting tenders from foreign suppliers of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof as also the reasons for inviting foreign tenders;

(c) whether the Cement Corproation of India is owing huge amounts to Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not making payments thereof;

(e) whether a number of units of Cement Corporation of India are lying closed for want of coal and power; and

(f) if so, the number of units that are lying closed, since when and the steps taken to activate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) CCI has floated a global tender for import of 30,000 MTs of quality steam coal in order to explore the possibility of obtaining coal on more favourable terms including supply against letter of credit and tying up the import of coal with the export of cement.

(c) and (d) CCI owes approximately Rs. 14.22 crores for the supplies of coal made by Coal India Ltd., and its subsidiaries. The payment will be made once CCI's financial position improves.

(e) and (f) Since two units of CCI located in Madhya Pradesh, namely Mandhar and Akaltara were giving negative contribution, it was decided to temporarily regulate or stop production in these units so that the funds so saved could be diverted to other viable units. MPSEB was approached by the CCI for reducing the contract demand of these units in order to reduce the financial burden on account of minimum energy charges, consequently reducing the input cost so as to help the units to achieve at least positive contribution level operations.

Loans to sick industries by nationalised banks

4758. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick industries in Gujarat which applied for loans to the nationalised banks for revival during each of the last three years, year-wise, district-wise;

(b) the number of the above industries which have been given loans by nationalised banks during the above period, year-wise;

(c) the amount of loan released during the above period; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure smooth and timely credit plan by the nationalised banks to the sick industries for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The informaiton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in Gujarat

4759. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released to Gujarat during 1994-95 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in each district of the state;

(b) whether any monitoring has been done on the implementation of this scheme in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries in 1994-95 in each district of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During 1994-95 Rs. 58.32 lakhs were released to the Government of Gujarat under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. District-wise break-up is not maintained centrally. The Central subsidy under the scheme is authorised to Reserve Bank of India for disbursement through implementing banks. The subsidy eligible per benefici-